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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PGOV FR FT
SUBJ: QUAI ASSIGNING REPRESENTATIVE TO DJIBOUTI

1. QUAI AFRICAN BUREAU OFFICER JEAN-PIERRE CHAUVET EXPECTS TO LEAVE PARIS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO BECOME "DIPLOMATIC ADVISER" TO THE FTAI GOVERNMENT. HIS "MISSION" TO DJIBOUTI WILL END WHEN HE HAS OPENED A FRENCH EMBASSY AFTER INDEPENDENCE.
 2. IN SHORT CONVERSATION JAN 20, CHAUVET INDICATED THAT THE FTAI REFERENDUM WILL TAKE PLACE IN APRIL OR MAY. HE SAID THAT ONE OF HIS MAIN TASKS, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM FON MIN DE GUIRINGAUD, WILL BE TO PERSUADE NOW SKEPTICAL DOM-TOM AND DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS BASED IN DJIBOUTI OF THE DESIRABILITY OF GRANTING
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INDEPENDENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REFERENDUM. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BEST EITHER BY HOLDING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE REFERENDUM OR BY DISPENSING WITH ELECTIONS ENTIRELY; THE QUAI IS NOT YET SURE WHICH WOULD BE PREFERABLE. WERE THE FRENCH TO PROGRAM A GAP BETWEEN THE REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS, CHAUVET INSISTED, THE

FTAI GOVERNMENT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD DECLARE INDEPENDENCE UNILATERALLY BEFORE ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD, THUS CREATING CONFUSION AND GREATLY REDUCING CHANCES FOR A PEACEFUL EVOLUTION.

3. CHAUVET ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US WOULD DECIDE TO GIVE AID TO THE INDEPENDENT STATE AND THAT THE FRENCH SOON WOULD BE ABLE SO TO INFORM THE FTAI GOVERNMENT. EMBOFF EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT AS IN THE CASES OF OTHER NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES, THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST AN INDEPENDENT FTAI.

4. COMMENT: DIFFERENCES OF VIEW BETWEEN MINISTRIES CONTINUE TO PLAGUE FRENCH POLICY MAKING ON DJIBOUTI. CHAUVET'S PRESENCE ON THE SCENE MAY BE HELPFUL. AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, HE HAS AN EXCELLENT UNDERSTANDING NOT ONLY OF INTERNAL DJIBOUTI POLITICS AND ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI RIVALRIES, BUT OF THE BROADER STRATEGIC PICTURE IN THE HORN, AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN. HE HAS BEEN OPEN AND HELPFUL TO EMBOFFS HERE AND WE RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS VISITING DJIBOUTI.
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